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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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INFO CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI

COMTWELVE SAN FRANCISCO

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 9113

DEPT PASS INTERIOR FOR DOTA AND OSN

COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS

CINCPAC REP GUAM TTPI PASS STATUS LNO, SAIPAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR TQ JA

SUBJ: JAPAN-MICRONESIAN ASSOCIATION

REF: A) TOKYO 7997; B) STATE 132764; C) TOKYO 8631

1. AS NOTED REFTTEL A PARA 11, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS PROBABLE THAT JAPANESE PRESS WILL BECOME AWARE OF EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO DELAY FORMATION OF JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION, WHICH WILL SOON BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS IN REF B. MICRONESIANS TOO MAY LEARN OF OUR EFFORTS EITHER FROM JAPANESE PRESS OR DIRECTLY FROM SPONSORS. AS PUBLICITY CONCERNING OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD ASSOCIATION IS MOST LIKELY TO COME FROM SPONSORS, EMBASSY FULLY CONCURS IN NEED TO BE CAUTIOUS IN EXPLAINING USG'S VIEWS TO SPONSORS. EMBASSY INTENDS FOLLOW GUIDANCE SET FORTH PARA 3 REF B SHOULD SPONSORS APPROACH EMBASSY, WHICH THEY HAVE NOT DONE SINCE RECEIPT REF B.

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2. SHOULD PRESS INQUIRE ABOUT US KNOWLEDGE OF, OR OUR

ATTITUDE TOWARD, ASSOCIATION, EMBASSY PREPARED RESPOND TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT SOME JAPANESE ARE CONSIDERING FORMING SUCH AN ASSOCIATION. ALTHOUGH SPONSORS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY, QUESTIONS ON PLANS FOR ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO SPONSORS. USG HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO FORMATION OF SUCH AN ASSOCIATION AND BELIEVES SUCH AN ASSOCIATION MIGHT PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS IN FUTURE. IF PRESSED, EMBASSY WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE DISCUSSING SUBJECT WITH FONOFF, DENY THAT USG IS SEEKING BLOCK OR DELAY FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION AND REITERATE BELIEF THAT ASSOCIATION MIGHT PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS IN FUTURE. IF QUESTIONS ON USG'S CONTACTS WITH MICRONESIANS CONCERNING ASSOCIATION OR ON MICRONESIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD IT ARE RAISED, EMBASSY WILL REFER REPORTERS TO SAIPACCAND WASHINGTON.

3. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE PRESS GUIDANCE WITH STATUS LNO TRENT IN TOKYO JULY 16 AND REACHED AGREEMENT THAT THIS LINE WOULD NOT COMPLICATE USG'S HANDLING OF INQUIRIES FROM PRESS OR MICRONESIAN LEADERS IN TTPI.  
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